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Reply To: HPR-ID

Mr. Brian W. Ness, Director  
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #24

Dear Mr. Ness:

This is reply to your February 5, 2010 letter requesting FHWA approval to amendment Idaho's 2009 STIP with the addition of one project; KN 12203, St. Anthony to Twin Groves, NB and SB, US-20; and the removal of one project; KN 11890, Fifth St., Bellevue, SR-2S.

FHWA concurs with ITD's determination that the affected projects are neither intermodal in nature nor of consequence to the State's conformity process and, therefore, FHWA has sole approval authority on this action.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes involve projects that qualify for grouped status under 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The proposed projects are exempt from air quality conformity.
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment #24 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

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